

# VERMONT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING JULY 13, 2021

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## **Board Members Present:**

David Coen, term expires 2/28/21  
Richard Bailey, term expires 2/28/21  
Pam Loranger, term expires 2/28/22  
Philip Zalinger, term expires 2/28/22  
Tim Hayward, term expires 2/28/23

## **Board Members Absent:**

Wendy Harrison, term expires 2/28/22

## **Others Present:**

John Zicconi, Board Executive Secretary  
Ron Shems, Board Attorney

## **Call to Order:**

Chair David Coen called the July 13, 2021 meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., which was held remotely via Microsoft Teams as well as at 14 Baldwin Street in Montpelier, VT.

## **1. NEW BUSINESS**

*1.1 None*

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

*2.1 Board Attorney Contract -- Deliberation*

**At 10:13 a.m. the Board on a motion by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hayward and approved unanimously entered into deliberative session, pursuant to Title 1 § 313, to discuss issues involving the Board's next contract for an attorney.**

**Mr. Zicconi was invited to join the entire deliberative session, while Mr. Shems were invited to join part of the deliberative session.**

**The Board exited deliberative session at 10:51 a.m.**

**After existing deliberative session the Board on a motion by Mr. Zalinger, seconded by Ms. Loranger and approved unanimously voted to instruct the Chair to sign a waiver form for Mr. Shems related to the Board's desire that as its currently contracted attorney that Mr. Shems works with the Board to understand the legal language suggested by the Vermont Attorney General's Office that the AGO would like the Board's next attorney contract to contain.**

## ***2.2 TB -515 Strassberger Airfield***

Mr. Zicconi informed the Board that airfield neighbor Kim Choquette has twice contacted him since the Board provided airfield operational approval in June to complain that pilots were not abiding by the permit condition that they not fly over her property. Ms. Choquette provided video of the two instances, which clearly show the violations. Mr. Zicconi said he was not seeking Board action at this time as he has already had a stern conversation with Mr. Strassberger regarding the violations. While Mr. Strassberger largely blamed the violations on his guests, Mr. Zicconi said he informed Mr. Strassberger that as the facility's owner he is responsible for the behavior of his guests and that further violations could result in the Board taking action to amend his permit in such a way that could restrict others from using his airfield or possibly even void his permit altogether. Mr. Zicconi told the Board he was bringing this to its attention so that as Board members they had knowledge that these violations occurred and that Mr. Strassberger has been warned. This way if further violations are reported, Board members would know they represent strike two, not just strike one. The Board agreed this was the proper approach and asked to be kept informed should further violations occur.

## **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

### ***3.1 Round Table***

The Board scheduled its next meeting for August 26, 2021.

## **4. ADJOURN**

**On a motion by Mr. Bailey seconded by Ms. Loranger, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:52 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Zicconi  
Executive Secretary

**Next Board Meeting: August 26, 2021**